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PRODUCTS UTILIZING AN ELECTRONIC RECEIPT
Grp./Div. : 3627
Examiner : Kenneth R. Rice
Docket No. : 47410/JEC/F179

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of October 16, 2002, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 35-37. The now pending claims are as
follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A system for controlling product items with
shelf-life limitations comprising:
means for determining shelf-life limitation information for each
of one or more product items;
means for recording said shelf-life limitation information for
each of said one or more product items;

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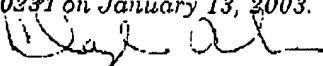
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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	13	* 33	0	x \$9.00	x \$18.00	-0-
Independent Claims	2	** 3	0	x \$42.00	x \$84.00	-0-
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$140.00	\$280.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					-0-
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 35						
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- ___ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
 ___ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
 ___ Other enclosures: